

Application No.: 09/813,936Docket No.: 713-409REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in paragraph 10 of the Final Office Action is noted with appreciation.

Allowed claims 43-44 have been amended to correct apparent typographical errors. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The Examiner's new 35 U.S.C. 112, *first paragraph* rejections are noted. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's holding that the rejected claims are not supported by the originally filed application, the rejected claims have nevertheless been canceled to simplify the issues and to immediately place the instant application in condition suitable for allowance.

All pending claims, i.e., claims 6, 7, 9, 11-14, 16-17, 21, 41-44, 46 and 60, stand allowed as indicated in the Office Action. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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